

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1389

By Maddox

A RESOLUTION to recognize Julia Dunn Rich on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those outstanding educators who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers to ensure Tennessee's students receive the highest quality education; and

WHEREAS, Julia Dunn Rich is one such estimable person who, having served with distinction throughout her twenty-three year tenure as the Adult Education Supervisor for the Weakley County Board of Education, will be taking a much deserved retirement on June 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, throughout her illustrious career in education, Ms. Rich has consistently served with acumen and alacrity, offering her tireless work ethic, boundless enthusiasm, and uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, born on August 30, 1944, Julia Rich has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, before beginning her exemplary tenure with the Weakley County Board of Education, Ms. Rich shared her love of theater and acting with her students as a drama teacher at Greenfield School and Dresden High School, working assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, as a brilliant English teacher, Julia Rich masterfully instructed her students on how to effectively communicate through both the written and spoken word and passed on to the next generation her love of the world renowned English poet and playwright, William Shakespeare; and

WHEREAS, her students considered it an honor and a true joy to be able to attend and learn in Ms. Rich's class and always appreciated her light-hearted way of referring to her tests as "Whamboogie;" and

WHEREAS, filled with an unparalleled zest for life, this Alpha Delta Kappa sister is passionate about her plethora of interests, including classical music, antiques, jewelry, ornate purses, home decor, reading, researching, art, literature, trivia, bunko, playing cards, movies, politics, current events, dance programs, HGTV, shopping networks, dramas, musicals, live performances, Ebay, Facebook, dogs, especially her Yorkie Dudley, auctions, and spending time with her family; and

WHEREAS, having been saved by the grace of the Almighty and baptized into his name at the tender age of seven, Julia Rich is an active and devout member of the Tumbling Creek Baptist Church, where she serves her Lord as a Sunday school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rich truly exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; affectionately known as "Momma Judy," this remarkable woman is the loving daughter of Vernon and Laurine Dunn; the devoted mother of Bradley Rich, Stacey Blackburn, and Brittany Rich; the doting grandmother of Jessica Rich, Archie Rich, and Cayden Hughes; the beloved sister of Beverly Orr; the treasured niece of Katie Clark; and the cherished aunt of Justin Melton and Jantzen Melton; and

WHEREAS, throughout her venerable career, Julia Rich has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her peers, superiors, and students alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Julia Dunn Rich our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.